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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated October 21, 2004, with a shortened statutory period for response set to expire January 21, 2005. A request for a two month extension which would extend the period for response until March 21, 2005 is made herewith. Please make the following amendments and take the accompanying remarks into consideration.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.